

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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(Notice for Newspaper)

DOCKET NO. 2017-28-S

Application of Synergy Utilities, L.P. for Approval of Sewer Rates, Terms and Conditions

Synergy Utilities, LP (Synergy or the Company) has filed an Application for an Adjustment of Rates and Charges and Modifications to Certain Terms and Conditions for the Provision of Sewer Service with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (Commission). As a public utility defined by S.C. Code Ann. §58-5-10(4), the Company was formed as a result of the merger of assets of Midlands Utility, Inc. (Midlands) and Development Service, Inc. (DSI). Although Synergy was granted a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to operate as a public utility by Commission Order No. 2017-49, the rates for Synergy's Midlands customers and DSI customers were not affected by Order No. 2017-49.

According to the Application, the proposed rates and charges represent an increase in sewer revenues of approximately \$232,590 or 21.03%.

The Application was filed pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §58-5-240 and S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-512.4.A. In the instant Application, Synergy proposes to maintain separate rate schedules for its DSI and Midlands customers. The Company has established Service Territory 1 for the former customers of DSI and Service Territory 2 for the former customers of Midlands. As justification for the proposed rate increase, Synergy states, among other things, that the rate adjustment is necessary in order that it may provide reasonable and adequate service to its customers; cover its expenses; be permitted an opportunity to earn a reasonable return on its investment; attract capital for future improvements; allow the Company to comply with the standards and regulations set by the Department of Health and Environmental Control; and promote continued investment in and maintenance of its facilities.

THE PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE RATES AND CHARGES ARE available from the Company by contacting Scott Elliott, Elliott & Elliott, P.A., 1508 Lady Street, Columbia, SC 29201 and Charles H. Cook, Esquire, Cook Law Firm, 6806 Pine Tree Circle, Columbia, South Carolina 29206 or by visiting the Commission's website at www.psc.sc.gov under Docket No. 2017-28-S. A notice containing a schedule of the proposed rates and charges is also being mailed to the Company's customers and that notice is also available on the Commission's website.

A copy of the company's application can be found on the Commission's website at www.psc.sc.gov under Docket No. 2017-28-S. Additionally, a copy of the application is available from the office of Scott Elliott, Esquire, Elliott & Elliott P.A., 1508 Lady Street, Columbia, South Carolina and Charles H. Cook, Esquire, Cook Law Firm, 6806 Pine Tree Circle, Columbia, South Carolina 29206.

Any person who wishes to participate in this matter as a party of record should file a Petition to Intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure on or before **January 29, 2018**, by filing the Petition to Intervene with the Commission, by providing a copy to the Office of Regulatory Staff and by providing a copy to all parties of record. For the receipt of future Commission correspondence, please include an email address in the Petition to Intervene. ***Please refer to Docket No. 2017-28-S and mail a copy to all other parties in this docket.*** Any person who seeks to intervene and who wishes to testify and present evidence at the hearing should notify, in writing, the Commission; the Office of Regulatory Staff at 1401 Main Street, Suite 900, Columbia, South Carolina 29201; and the company at the above address, on or before **January 29, 2018**. ***Please refer to Docket No. 2017-28-S.***

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a hearing, pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-817 and S.C. Code Ann. § 58-5-240, on the above matter has been scheduled to begin on **Thursday, April 19, 2018, at 10:30 a.m.**, before the Commission in the Commission's Hearing Room at 101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100, Saluda Building, Columbia, South Carolina 29210 for the purpose of receiving testimony and evidence from all interested parties. The hearing may continue through April 20, 2018, if necessary.

INSTRUCTIONS TO ALL PARTIES OF RECORD (Applicant, Petitioners, and Intervenors only):

All Parties of Record must prefile testimony with the Commission and with all Parties of Record. Prefiled Testimony Deadlines: Applicant's **Direct Testimony** Due: 3/16/2018; Other Parties of Record **Direct Testimony** Due: 3/30/2018; Applicant's **Rebuttal Testimony** Due: 4/6/2018; and Other Parties of Record **Surrebuttal Testimony** Due: 4/13/2018. All prefiled testimony deadlines are subject to the information as posted on www.psc.sc.gov under **Docket No. 2017-28-S**.

Any person who wishes to request that the Commission hold a public hearing in his or her county of residence in order to hear comments from the utility's customers, should notify, in writing, the Commission; the Office of Regulatory Staff at 1401 Main Street, Suite 900, Columbia, South Carolina 29201; and the company at the above address, on or before **February 5, 2018**. *Please refer to Docket No. 2017-28-S*.

For the most recent information regarding this docket, including changes in scheduled dates included in this Notice, please refer to www.psc.sc.gov and **Docket No. 2017-28-S**.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that any person who wishes to have his or her comments considered as part of the official record of this proceeding **MUST** present such comments in person to the Commission during the hearing.

Persons seeking information about the Commission's procedures should contact the Commission at (803) 896-5100 or visit its website at www.psc.sc.gov.

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